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1. WE INFORMED BY EPA THAT WORKING GROUP MEETING MENTIONED REFTTEL NOT SCHEDULED UNTIL SECOND QUARTER 1975. LINKAGE OF WATER POLLUTION TECHNICAL SEMINAR AND WORKING GROUP MEETING THUS NOT FEASIBLE IF WE TO KEEP FEBRUARY DATE FOR EVENT.

2. AS EMBASSY AWARE, SOVIET ENVIRONMENTAL DELEGATION HEADED BY YURI IZREAL IN US OCTOBER 20-30. LETTER FROM BOWDEN WILL BE GIVEN TO IZREAL OUTLINING PROPOSAL FOR TECHNICAL SEMINAR VISIT TO SOVIET UNION IN MID-FEBRUARY.

3. TEXT OF LETTER AS FOLLOWS:

IN ORDER TO INTRODUCE SELECTED AMERICAN COMPANIES WITH EXPERTISE IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS TO THE USSR PRIOR TO THE EXHIBITION OF US ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND ANALYSIS

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BITION OF US ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND ANALYSIS

EQUIPMENT PLANNED FOR THE SPRING OF 1976, THE UNITED STATES DEPT OF COMMERCE WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE SENDING A PANEL OF US INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF WATER POLLUTION ANALYSIS AND TREATMENT TO THE SOVIET UNION IN EARLY 1975. THE PANEL WOULD HOLD A TWO-DAY SEMINAR IN WHICH THE AMERICAN EXPERTS WOULD PRESENT TECHNICAL PAPERS ON RECENT ADVANCES BY US INDUSTRY IN THE FIELDS OF WATER POLLUTION MONITORING, ANALYSIS AND TREATMENT. FOLLOWING THE SEMINAR SESSIONS, THE US SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORKING DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIET WATER EXPERTS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ELEKTROTORGTEKHNIKA, MASHPRIBORINTORY, LICENSINTORH AND TEKHMASHIMPORT FOREIGN TRADING ORGANIZATIONS TO EXPLORE AREAS WHERE AMERICAN FIRMS MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE IN MEETING IMPORT NEEDS OF SPECIFIC EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS OF THE SOVIET UNION IN THIS FIELD IN THE FUTURE. THE PANEL PARTICIPANTS WOULD ALSO WISH TO DISCUSS WITH THEIR SOVIET COUNTERPARTS AND MOST DESIRABLE TYPES OF EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS TO BE DISPLAYED IN THE EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION IN 1976.

THE US PANEL WOULD BE HEADED BY DR. SIDNEY GALLER, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS, AND WOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE US GOVERNMENT AND A NUMBER OF LEADING US CORPORATIONS IN THIS FIELD.

IF SUCH A VISIT BY THE SEMINAR PANEL IS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE AND AGREED TO BY THE RESPONSIBLE USSR AUTHORITIES IN THIS FIELD, THE US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PROPOSES THAT, IN ORDER TO MEET OTHER SCHEDULING COMMITMENTS OF THE SEMINAR PANEL, THE US GROUP VISIT THE SOVIET UNION FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR DAYS IN THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY, 1975.

THE US DEPT OF COMMERCE WOULD BE THE RESPONSIBLE AGENCY ON THE AMERICAN SIDE FOR THE PROPOSED SEMINAR, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE US ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AND THE US DEPT OF STATE THROUGH THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. ALL FUNDING FOR THE SEMINAR PANEL'S TRAVEL AND ACTIVITIES IN THE USSR WOULD BE BORNE BY THE AMERICAN SIDE.

IN THE SEMINAR SESSIONS, TECHNICAL EXPERTS ON THE AMERICAN SIDE WOULD BE PREPARED TO PRESENT PAPERS ON THE LATEST METHODS AND EQUIPMENT FOR MONITORING, ANALYZING AND TREATING OF THE FOLLOWING PROBLEMS
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IN WATER POLLUTION:

1. INDUSTRIAL WATER POLLUTION, PARTICULARLY FOR THE CHEMICAL AND PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, THE MINERALS PROCESSING AND PULP AND PAPER INDUSTRIES.
2. ELECTRIC POWER PLANT THERMAL POLLUTION.
3. WATER POLLUTION FROM ANIMAL FEED LOTS AND FARMS.

4. URBAN SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS.

THE DEPT OF COMMERCE WOULD WELCOME ANY
SUGGESTIONS WHICH THE SOVIET SIDE MIGHT WISH TO OFFER, AND WOULD
APPRECIATE DISCUSSING THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH RESPONSIBLE SOVIET
AUTHORITIES AT THEIR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. END TEXT.

4. FOLLOWING THIS INITIAL PROPOSAL TO SOVIETS HERE, AND ASSUMING
POSITIVE RESPONSE, FOLLOWUP WORK IN PREPARATION FOR SEMINAR
WOULD BE HANDLED AS USUAL BY COMMERCIAL OFFICES IN MOSCOW,
IN COORDINATION WITH SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OFFICE WHICH WILL
REPRESENT EPA. INGERSOLL

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